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Coastal Commission action on Parkside Estates

On May 7, the Coastal Commission voted to approve the revised findings and modifications for the Parkside Estates project, a development of approximately 50 acres on the west side of Graham Street, south of Warner Avenue owned by Shea Homes. In addition, the Commission approved the changes requested by Shea Homes clarifying the findings and conditions. The next step is to bring the approved Land Use Plan to the Council for acceptance of the Commission's modifications. This item is anticipated to be agendaized in the next few months.

Housing Element Update

The Planning Commission is scheduled to consider the update to the General Plan Housing Element on Tuesday, May 27. The Housing Element is one of the seven State-mandated elements of the City's General Plan and must be updated pursuant to California Government Code Section 65588 for the 2008-2014 planning period. The Housing Element identifies and assesses projected housing needs and provides an inventory of constraints and resources relevant to meeting these needs. The City Council is slated to consider the Element on June 16.

Planning Department Annual Report Released

The Planning Department published the Department's 2007 Annual Report earlier this month. The report documents the activities of the Planning Department for calendar year 2007 and provides an update on many of the development and land-use projects in the City. A copy of the report is available as a pdf on the Planning Department's website, <http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/Departments/Planning/major/index.cfm>.

We Assure You, We are Open

Despite the construction activity around City Hall, the City of Huntington Beach, including the Planning Department, remains open with no changes to our service. Thanks to the Building and Safety Department, nearly all drilling and other noisy activities will be occurring on Saturdays to minimize disruption to City Hall customers. During the construction period, the Department Head parking area will be available for two hour parking. We thank you for your patience during the seismic retrofit.

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